

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 were previously cancelled. Claims 23, 27, 29, 30, 31, 37 and 39 are currently amended. Claims 24-26, 28, 33, 35 and 38 are currently cancelled. Claims 32, 34 and 36 are carried forward, all as follows.

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A printing group of a printing press comprising:
- a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;
 - an inking system adapted for use to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
 - first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
 - at least, first and second a plurality of movable inking rollers and at least first and second ink application rollers in said inking system;
 - a first, front ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to ~~at least one movable one of said~~ at least first and second movable plurality of inking rollers and from said first one of said at least first and second movable inking rollers to said rotatable forme cylinder via said second ink distribution cylinder when said first movable inking roller is in a first position in contact with said first and second ink distribution cylinders;
 - a second, rear ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder, said first, front ink path being before, in a sequence of ink applications to said forme cylinder, and in a direction of rotation of said forme cylinder, said second, rear ink path, said second, rear inking path including said at least second movable inking roller said third ink distribution cylinder and said ink application rollers; and

means supporting each of said at least one movable one of said first and second movable plurality of inking rollers for movement in said inking system each between at least first and second positions, ~~and~~ wherein said second, rear ink path is supplied with ink selectively by one of direct contact between said ~~at least one movable one of said plurality of inking roller rollers~~ and said one of said first ink distribution cylinder, and to said second movable inking roller through said second ink distribution cylinder, and by direct contact of said second inking roller with said first second ink distribution cylinder, in accordance with said positions ~~position~~ of said at least first and second ~~one movable one of said plurality of inking rollers,~~ said first one of said at least first and second movable inking rollers being movable into and out of contact with said second ink distribution cylinder, said second one of said at least first and second movable inking rollers being movable between selective contact with one of said first and second ink distribution cylinders.

24. Cancelled

25. Cancelled

26. Cancelled

27. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 23 further including a dampening system in said printing group and having at least one dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one dampening fluid application roller, said at least one

dampening fluid application roller being supported for movement between selected positions wherein dampening agent can be applied from said at least one dampening fluid application roller selectively to one of said ink distribution cylinders and from said one of said ink distribution cylinders ~~then~~ to said forme cylinder, and directly to said forme cylinder.

28. Cancelled

29. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 23 wherein said ~~further~~ ~~including a second movable one of said~~ at least first and second ~~plurality of movable~~ inking rollers is ~~and~~ adapted to selectively interrupt, and to close an ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to said second ink distribution cylinder.

30. (Currently Amended) A printing group of a printing press comprising:

- a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;
- an inking system adapted to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
- first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
- at least first and second ~~a plurality of movable~~ inking rollers and at least first and second ink application rollers in said inking system;
- a dampening system including at least one axially movable dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one movable dampening fluid application roller;
- means supporting each of said ~~at least one of said~~ first and second movable ~~plurality of said~~ inking rollers and ~~one of said plurality of ink application rollers~~ for

movement between selected positions in said inking system said first movable inking roller being movable into and out of contact with said second ink distribution cylinder,
said second movable inking roller being movable between selective contact with one of
said first and second ink distribution cylinders;

a first, front ink path, including ~~formed from~~ said first ink distribution cylinder and
via said second ink distribution cylinder, when one of said at least first and second
movable inking rollers is in contact with both of said first and second ink distribution
cylinders, said first, front ink path extending to said ink application rollers and ~~and said~~
~~third ink distribution cylinder~~ to said forme cylinder;

a second, rear ink path, said second, rear inking path including said at least
second movable inking roller, said third ink distribution cylinder and said ink application
rollers, each; and

means supplying dampening agent from said at least one axially movable
dampening fluid distribution cylinder and said at least one movable dampening fluid
application roller to said forme cylinder and wherein said at least one movable
dampening fluid application roller ~~second ink distribution cylinder~~ can be selectively
assigned to only said inking system, to only said dampening system and to both said
inking system and said dampening system by selective positioning of said movable one
of said plurality of inking rollers and said at least one movable dampening fluid
application roller between a first position in contact with said forme cylinder and a
second position in contact with said forme cylinder and said second ink distribution
cylinder.

31. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said ~~at least~~
~~movable one of said plurality of said inking rollers is movably supported in said inking~~
~~system and said at least one dampening fluid application roller is movably supported in~~
~~said dampening system wherein said~~ second ink distribution cylinder is selectively
assigned to ink application, to ink and dampening fluid application, and to dampening
fluid application by said selective positioning of said movable first one of said at least
first and second movable plurality of inking rollers and said at least one movable
dampening fluid application roller.

32. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said dampening
system is a five-roller dampening system.

33. Cancelled

34. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said dampening
system is a five-roller dampening system.

35. Cancelled

36. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 31 wherein said at least one
movable dampening fluid application roller is adapted to be brought into contact with
said rotatable forme cylinder.

37. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accomplished by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special operation ~~production~~ wherein dampening fluid application is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished only via said rear ink path.

38. Cancelled

39. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accomplished by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special operation ~~production~~ wherein dampening is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and inking is accomplished ~~by only via~~ said second, rear ink path.